GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Industries & Commerce Department – Allotment of lands to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Entrepreneurs in the State by the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Ltd., (APIIC) – Certain Support measures under "YSR Jagananna Badugu Vikasam" - Orders – Issued.

INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE (INFRA) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.07 Date:05.02.2022.

Read the following:

1.G.O.Ms.No.102, Ind & Com (INF) Dept, dt.19.06.2012.
2.G.O.Ms.No.33, Ind & Com (INF) Dept, dt.22.04.2013.
3. G.O.Ms.No.36, Ind & Com (IP&INF) Dept, dt.29.04.2015.
4. G.O.Ms.No.48, Ind & Com (INF) Dept, dt.13.04.2016.
5. G.O.Ms.No.64, Ind & Com (Infra) Dept, dt.10.05.2016.
6. G.O.Ms.No.86, Ind & Com (P&I) Dept, dt.30.11.2020.

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ORDER:

Andhra Pradesh was the first State in the Country to have an exclusive policy for SC/ST Entrepreneurs, which was acknowledged as a path-breaking initiative. The main intention of the Government Policies is to foster entrepreneurship among **weaker sections of the society**, help them in establishing various ventures and hand-holding through the entire life cycle of the industry.

2. However, on the contrary, the policies issued in the GOs 1st and 2nd read above for allotment of land to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes entrepreneurs on lease basis for a period of 10 years has created havoc leading to multiple issues, without any fault from their side. These issues include:

(i) The financial institutions not sanctioned term loans due to 10 years lease period and none of them could implement their projects till today.

(ii) Many of them are in financial losses as their money was stuck in land without any progress for the last 10 years.

(iii) They lost opportunity and time in pursuing the matter with higher authorities.

(iv) Not in a position to afford to make any further payments with penalties and interests

3. Subsequently, the policies have been revised in the GOs 4th and 5th read above, permitting land on outright sale or 99 years lease based on the option of the entrepreneur including the existing concessions and facilities extended to the SC&ST Entrepreneurs in the reference 1st and 2nd read above. However, no extension of lease period has been considered for the above cases, though the Government based on the request of VC&MD, APIIC Ltd., issued orders vide G.O.Ms.No.64, Ind & Com (Infra) Dept, dt.10.05.2016 according permission to APIIC to adopt the guidelines.

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4. As a result of this, most of the allotments made to SC/ST Entrepreneurs since 2008 are stuck without much progress. It is pertinent to mention here that presence of SC/ST entrepreneurs are limited to Micro and Small enterprises only, accounting for only 3.38% of SCs and 0.74% of STs, of the total MSME proposals and there are no Industries set-up by them in Medium and Large category. In terms of land allotment, the progress is much discouraging accounting for only 0.57% to SCs and 0.13% to STs of the total Industrial Area.

5. From the above, it is crystal clear that the objective of the Government to bring the persons belonging to weaker sections into businesses including manufacturing sector, by providing a special package of incentives, remains a dream, due to the issues related to land allotment.

6. Hence, taking the above issues into account, Government have issued New Policy- "YSR Jagananna Badugu Vikasam" vide GO 6th read above providing much better incentives compared to the previous Policies for Entrepreneurs belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, in order to achieve inclusive growth through economic upliftment and also encourage entrepreneurship among SC and ST youth especially women so as to address unemployment issues as well.

7. In view of the above circumstances, Government after careful examination of the matter and keeping in view the various issues faced by the SC/ST Entrepreneurs, hereby issue the following order in order to support the SC/ST Entrepreneurs whose applications/allotments are pending since 2008 till March 2020, for lease period extension / EoT /Reduction of Interest rate/land not shown/Land not handed over/projects not implemented/sale transaction not completed etc.:

(i) The land allotments made to SC/ST Entrepreneurs since inception of the Special Policy Frame Work in April 2008 up to March 2020, where the projects could not be implemented and/or where the sale transactions are not completed due to various reasons, shall be covered under this GO for special one time settlement.

(ii) The SC/ST Entrepreneurs shall get themselves registered with APIIC, for availing this opportunity before 31st March, 2022, and the time starts from 1st April, 2022. Those who could not register themselves before 31st March, also can avail this opportunity, but with the same timelines, starting from 1st of April, 2022. The registration is a simple process, wherein the entrepreneurs shall have to send representations expressing their intention to avail this opportunity. Both the APIIC and the Special Cell of YSR JBVM at Secretariat, shall maintain the Registers.

(iii) The SC/ST project proponents who had either paid part of land cost or not started making payment, shall be given time as below for payment of the balance land cost. The land cost shall be as was given on the date of original allotment only. The interest and other penalties, if any, on the balance land cost payable, shall be waived with retrospective effect.

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S.No	Timelines for payment of Balance Land cost	Interest to be levied
1	Payment of the balance land cost upto 90 days (up to 3 months) from the date of the issue of provisional re-allotment letter by APIIC under this GO	Nil
2	Payment of the balance land cost within 91-180 days (3-6 months) from the date of the issue of provisional re-allotment letter by APIIC under this GO	4% per annum
3	Payment of the balance land cost within 181 days to 2 years from the date of the issue of provisional re-allotment letter by APIIC under this GO	8% per annum

(iv) To convert all the above allotments from lease to ORS, after payment of the balance land cost, as the allotments were done under earlier Policy.

(v) To waive of the unpaid interest or penalty levied on the balance land cost payable, as on the date of issue of this order.

(vi) To grant Extension of Time period of 3 years starting from 1st April, 2022, for implementation of the Project in all cases where implementation is yet to be completed. However, steps for faster implementation shall be taken up by the entrepreneur. The provisional re-allotment letter for extension shall contain the details of all payments made so far and the balance amount to be paid, duly waiving of the interest and penalty.

(vii) To condone the delay in implementation without any penalty or interest whatsoever in respect all such allotments.

(viii) In respect of cancelled allotments, the re-allotment shall be made subject to availability of vacancy in the same Industrial Park or Autonagar without having been allotted to other prospective entrepreneur and/or not earmarked for other purposes by APIIC Ltd., as on the date of this Government order.

(ix) In all such cases, where allotments were cancelled due to either non implementation of the project or non payment of the land cost, first option is to re allot the same plot, if it is still available, and if not, the second option is to allot any other plot in the same IP/IE, as per the choice of the allottee and if no vacancy is there in the IP/IE, then the third option is to allot suitable plots in any nearby or other IP/IE, as per the choice of the allottee, at the original allotment price.

(x) In respect of Court cases, these provisions will be made applicable, post withdrawal of Court cases only.

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(xi) In the event of failure to implement the project within the stipulated time of 3 years or payment of balance land cost within 2 years, the land shall be resumed back without any further Notice.

8. These orders will be applicable to all the allotments which were made to SC/STs since 2008 to March 2020 including those allotments, which had a 10 years lease provision.

9. The Vice Chairman & Managing Director, A.P. Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Limited shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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